



Medicare Access Informational Briefing

LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

December 16, 2009

Overview

- Some LEOFF Plan 2 members are not covered by Medicare and may not be aware of a recent law change which increases accessibility to these Federal Benefits.

Federal Law

- Public Safety Initially excluded from Medicare
- Section 218 Agreements
- Referendum Process/Majority Vote
- Allows for “alternate” procedure

State Law

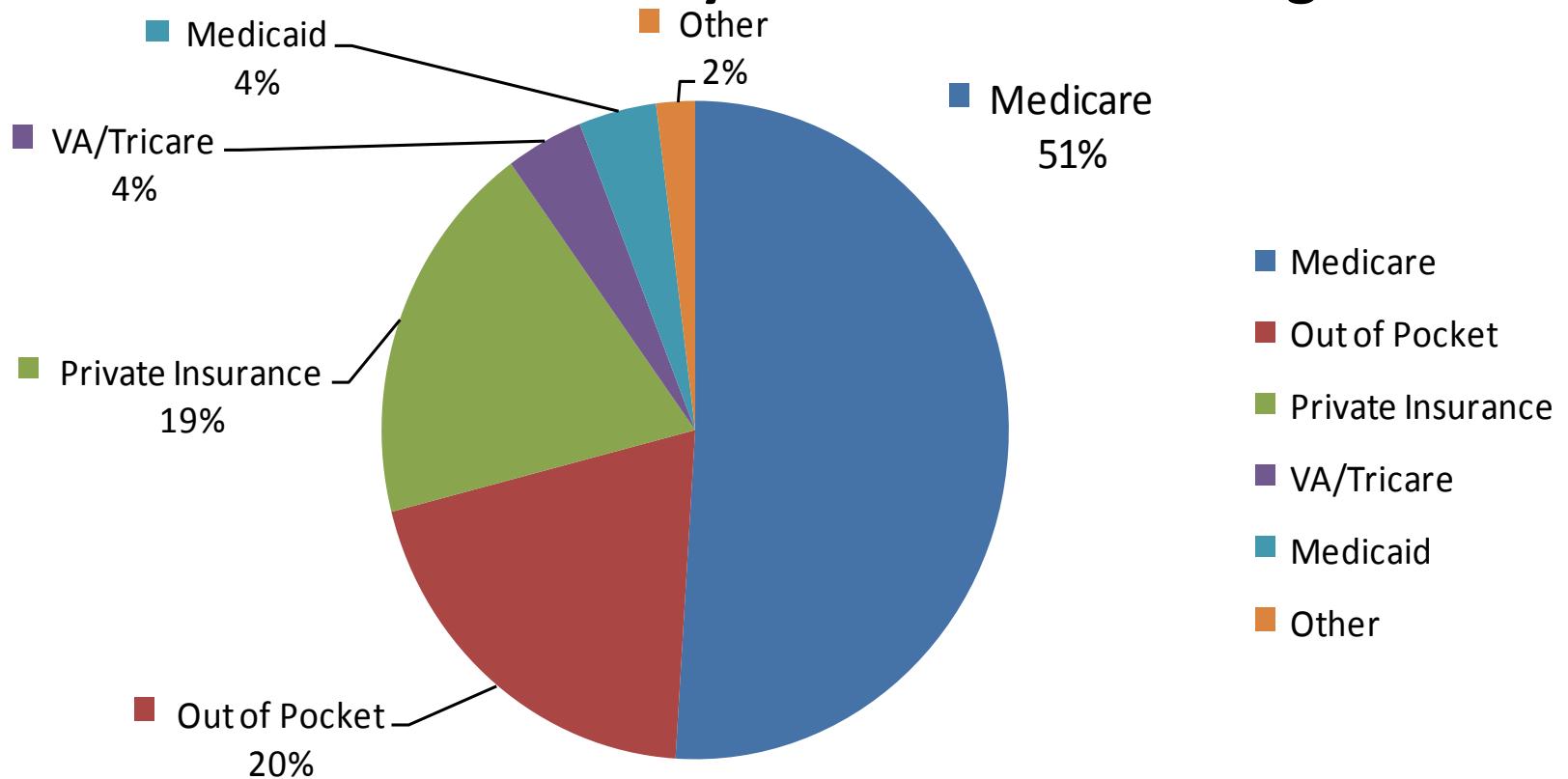
- Divided Referendum (HB 2510 - 2008)
- Affects employees who:
 - Do not currently pay Medicare taxes;
 - Were hired before April 1, 1986; and
 - Have been in continuous employment through the date of the referendum
- Provides access to Medicare Part A

Divided Referendum Process

- DRS is State Social Security Administrator
- Administers Divided Referendums
- Seven employers going through process
 - Four have voted/Three pending
 - Out of 92 eligible members, 19 voted for coverage

Value of Medicare

Sources of Elderly Health Care Coverage



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QUESTIONS?